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Fuel Oil Must Last Longer

Period two fuel oil coupons which became valid next Monday, December 18, will be worth ten gallons a unit—the same gallonage value that has prevailed for the first period, Prescott H. Vose, Director of the Maine OPA, and Colonel Frank Southard, State Fuel Administrator, declared in a joint announcement.

"We are particularly concerned about the fuel oil supply for the next four or five months and the value of later coupons," the Federal and State officials declared. "Although present stocks may be gratifying, they have not to last a long time and we are not too optimistic about prospects for the future."

"The increased tempo and unexpected duration of the war in Europe and new transportation problems involving the removal of tank cars from the East Coast have caused us to view the fuel oil supply situation during the early months of 1945 with considerable caution," Vose and Southard stated.

They gave figures to show that during the present season reconstructions to oil under OPA and PAW regulations had taken a total of 2,242,000 gallons of fuel oil in Maine.

"It is clear that a drain of over two million gallons on our fuel oil supply above the demands of last season plus increased transportation and military supply problems make the outlook for stock replenishment in the coming months far from good, the pair declared."

They urged householders to practice every means of fuel oil conservation in order to save dwindling supplies. Particularly, they suggested that consumers keep thermostats at reasonably low figures, continue to keep closed off as many rooms as possible, attach storm windows, and use all the other usual methods of heat saving.

Vose and Southard gave fuel oil index figures, prepared in conjunction with the weather bureau, to show that Maine fuel oil users at the present time should not have consumed more than 25 percent of their ration. By areas, the index figures are Portland 25 percent; Eastport, 22 percent; Greenville, 25 percent.

BETHEL LOCAL NEWS

Elwood Ireland is confined to his home by illness.

Mrs. Ray Dexter spent Wednesday and Thursday in Rumford.

Philip W. Dyer was taken Thursday to the Veterans Hospital at Togus.

Mrs. Alma LaFayette of Hebron was a week end guest of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Davis.

Pvt. and Mrs. Avery Angvine are spending several days visiting relatives in Portland.

Mrs. Eugene Van, Mrs. Sidney Chapman and Mrs. E. O. Donahue were in Lewiston Monday.

Corp. and Mrs. Robert Parker of Portland spent the week end with Mrs. Parker's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Hall.

Miss Alice Pierce, Barbara Coillidge and Marilyn Marshall, student nurses at C. M. G. Hospital, spent the week end at their homes.

Mrs. Kathryn Hamlin went to Norfolk, Va., Friday to spend four months with her husband, Charles G. Hamlin QM2c, who is attending Quartermaster's School.

Slight damage resulted from a blaze caused by an overheated pipe in the basement of H. N. Bragdon's Wednesday evening. The fire department was called but on their arrival the fire was nearly extinguished.

Seventeen members and four visitors attended the postponed supper and meeting of the Bethel Chamber of Commerce at the Legion Rooms Wednesday evening. There was a discussion of development of fair grounds and air field facilities. John Compass gave an interesting explanation of the G. I. Bill of Rights. Committees for the January meeting are: supper, H. I. Dean and Robert Blake; tickets, Charles Merrill and Leroy Brown.

Pupils having perfect attendance at the Primary School the past six weeks are: Grade one, Stuart Blake, Mary Ford, Judith Freeman, Walter Kittredge, Rachel Kneeland, and Barbara Reynolds; Grade two, Mary Jane Chapman, Howard Donahue and Barbara Jodrey; Not tardy, Mary Belle Bennett, Kenneth Bumpus, Lee Carroll, Edward Carter, Mary Jane Chapman, Elaine Clifford, William Coillidge, Howard Donahue, Ruth Hall, Julia Martilla, Delbert McAllister, Louise Saunders, Suzanne Wight, Malvern Wilson and Arlene Winslow; grade three, Joan Connor, Mary Susan Culler, Edward Dyer, Mary Ann Kyrer, and Richard Onofrio; grade four, Kenneth Dolano, Susan Kneeland, Marie Mills, William Penner, Corlee Wermenchuk, Barry York and Beverly Onofrio.

WEST PARIS DOCTORS HONORED AT RECEPTION

A community reception for Dr. A. L. Rauchwerger and his wife, Dr. Helene Rauchwerger, was held at the West Paris High School gymnasium Wednesday evening. LeRoy W. Dymont served as master of ceremonies; prayer, Rev. Jowett; address of welcome, Rev. Eleanor B. Forbes; solo, William Flavin, accompanied by Miss Ruth McKoon; selections by the male quartet, Reynold Chase, Clayton Churchill, William Flavin and William Edmunds; remarks in the Finnish language, Rev. Felix Mayblom; clarinet solo, Sherman Cole accompanied by Mrs. Helen Shaw; reading, Mrs. Esther Anderson and solos, Mrs. Miriam Mayblom, accompanied by Mrs. Virginia Parker. Mr. Dymont presented a gift to Dr. Kay in behalf of the community and Dr. Kay responded. Presentation of gifts to Dr. and Mrs. Rauchwerger was made by Reynold Chase, for which both expressed appreciation.

Honored guests in the receiving line were Alton Black, principal of West Paris High School, and his wife, Mrs. Anna Black, and Miss Stephanie Noyes, a new member of the high school faculty.

Congratulations were presented to Mrs. Kay, Mrs. Rauchwerger, Mrs. Black and Miss Noyes.

CHRISTMAS SEALS

The return from the sale of Christmas Health Seals, up to date has been very gratifying. If, however, you have not received your allotment, please call the chairman, Mrs. C. F. Saunders. If each will buy even a few it will greatly aid this fight against Tuberculosis.



Pvt. Avery Angvine of Camp Swift, S. C., came Friday for a 12 day furlough with his family.

Harold Anderson S. 2c and his brother Charles E. Anderson, R. T. 1-c, met recently for a very short while at Honolulu.

Li H. E. Lawrence is stationed at the Mason General Hospital, Brentwood, L. I. The Lawrence's home address is now R. F. D. 2, Brookside Ave., No. Babylon, L. I., N. Y.

Corp. Gardner Smith is now stationed at the Komer Station in Chicago, California.

Corp. Nathaniel E. Burns, son of Mrs. M. M. Newton, of Bethel, is a machinist in a service squadron attached to the AAF's oldest fighter group, which has been awarded a Presidential Citation and two War Department Citations.

T-5 Donald S. Brown arrived at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Brown, Saturday night for a 21 day furlough after serving in the South Pacific area the past 20 months.

Pvt. Ernest Angvine of Fort Meade, Md., spent the week end at his home here.

Glendon McAllister of Gilead has completed a month of indoctrination at Fort Schuyler, N. Y. and was sworn in as a midshipman December 5. His address is M-Ship, Glendon McAllister, Billet 42315, U. S. N. R. M. S., Fort Schuyler, New York 61 N. Y.

Ellen Peabody SK 2c has been spending a short leave with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Peabody, returning Wednesday to Washington, D. C., where she is stationed. Corp. John Peabody of Brooklyn, N. Y. who has also been spending a furlough here returned Tuesday.

Li Allan Stephen Chase who has been the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Chase of Bryant Pond has gone to Tyndall Field, Panama City, Florida.

Francis W. Mills, S. 1-c (G. M.) Anti Air Craft Training Center, Pacific Beach, California is spending a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Onell Mills of Bryant Pond. His wife and daughter, Eva Mae accompanied him here from Massachusetts. After his leave Si-c Mills will report for duty at the Amphibian Training Center, Camp Bradford, Va.

Cpl. Guyron Davis and Cpl. Carlton Gammon have both received their army discharges and returned to their homes at South Woodstock.

Pvt. Newell L. Young, who has been spending a 30 day furlough at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Davis, South Woodstock, has returned to Fort Devens for expected further overseas service, having already spent 33 months in the Pacific war area.

Corp. Roy F. Perham Jr. from Hampton Beach, Long Island, New York has been spending a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy F. Perham of West Paris.

Li Ruth Stearns, A. N. C., from Fort Williams spent Friday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Stearns of West Paris.

The Derwood Buck from Seymour, Indiana, is spending a furlough until after Christmas with his mother, Mrs. Bertha Buck and grandmother, Mrs. Winnie Riddon of West Paris.

To the People of this Community

The best way to observe the date of Hitler is to buy an extra War Bond. In thousands upon thousands of American homes today there is pride and sadness. From these homes have come fighting men who died to bring us this far on the road to decisive victory over all our enemies. It will take more sweat, more tears, more toil, more and greater individual War Bond buying before we see Japan in the ruins these barbarians of the Pacific planned for us. How much more blood and tears depends on every individual American war worker and bond buyer.

The Sixth War Loan symbol—a bomb hurtling down on the Rising Sun—can only come to reality with your individual help. Buy at least an extra \$100 War Bond above your normal payroll savings. That's the least you can do to back up your fighting men.

THE EDITOR.

More Individual Sales Needed

You read in the papers that the 6th War Bond Drive is over the top nationally, but only as far as the corporations, institutions, and savings banks are concerned. These institutions have put the drive over on a whole in some places, but regions have not gone over the top. Individuals are far behind in buying. In Oxford County they have done some better because they should have about \$779,000 and have sold almost half of this or \$353,000, to individuals in Oxford County. Let's really get behind this 6th War Loan and give it the biggest boost we have ever given a drive and in doing so we are helping ourselves. Let's not buy these bonds to cash in, let's buy them to keep—no provision for a rainy day. People who want security, take advantage of opportunity such as many are doing now and save systematically. That is the only way you can have security.

South Paris, Norway, and Rumford have done a fine job—Bethel and Lovell are well over the top. They are to be congratulated because they have made their individual quotas. Dixfield, Fryeburg and Buckfield have been really doing a great job. In fact it looks as though Oxford County will make its quota go over, if everybody realizes that it is his job this time and that they must all go ahead and do the job.

All remember that it is not too late to send a V-Mail Christmas of a War Bond to anyone in the Armed services.

This war is far from over. Let's start winning it again and our way is by buying bonds. Encourage our people to all get together, stop all bickering and really work 100% together.

OXFORD COUNTY AGENT TO HOLD INCOME TAX MEETINGS FOR FARMERS

There will be nineteen income tax meetings for farmers held by H. A. Leonard, Oxford County Agent. At these meetings the agent in the 1944 income tax law as they affect farmers will be explained. Also, the new time for filing an estimate and final return for farmers. Practically everyone will have to file an income tax return this year as the exemptions are \$500.00 gross income and a farmer's gross income is gross receipts before any expenses are deducted. Also, deductions to which farmers are lawfully allowed will be discussed in detail. Everyone is cordially invited to attend these meetings.

Dec. 15, 1:00 P. M., Woodstock
Grange Hall, Bryant Pond

Dec. 15, 7:30 P. M., Bethel
Masonic Hall

Dec. 18, 1:00 P. M., Peru
Selectmen's Office

Dec. 18, 7:30 P. M., Canton Point
Union Hall

Dec. 19, 7:30 P. M., Andover
Selectmen's Office

Dec. 20, 1:00 P. M., Waterford
Wilken Community Hall

Dec. 20, 7:30 P. M., Fryeburg
Center Grange Hall

Dec. 21, 1:00 P. M., Denmark
Town Hall

Dec. 21, 7:30 P. M., Brownfield
I. O. O. F. Hall

Dec. 22, 1:00 P. M., South Hiram
Grange Hall

Dec. 22, 7:30 P. M., Hiram
Grange Hall

CORRESPONDENTS—PLEASE READ

It is very important that as much as possible of our town news be in this office on Tuesday. It has happened several times lately that more than half of our correspondents' work has reached us on Wednesday, which is likely to cause omission of news which is much desired by our readers. Some late news is unavoidable but when much of it of week end events, this trouble may be easily corrected.

BGS Active In Various Drives

The Eighth Grade Club, Donald Lord, president, voted to donate and back Christmas boxes for wounded soldiers in hospitals. They were divided into five groups with the following chairmen: Harry Cole, Gail Curtis, Jerry Davis, Dick Ireland and Reginald Kneeland. Six well-filled boxes, including one from their teacher, were wrapped and delivered at one of the local grocery stores.

A check for \$15.80 was received for the collection of milk-weed pods. It was estimated that more than 54 life saving jackets could be made from the milk-weed floss. It has been voted that a part of the proceeds should be given to Father Finnagan at Boystown and the remainder to some other worthy charity.

The last War Stamp contest ended Dec. 7 with a total cash sales of \$882.65 since September. The new contest beginning this week and ending Feb. 28 divides the school into the Coast Guard (boys) and Spars (girls). 8th grade captains are Dick Ireland and Eleanor Gurney, 7th grade Charles Smith and Caroline Olson, 5th grade Norman Lowell and Charlotte Stevens, 5th grade Clayton Swan and Patricia Rolfe. Edwin Bumpus and Donald Lord are the sales managers in charge each week. The goal is a field ambulance which will bear a plaque, "Donated by Bethel Grammar School."

In the recent Scrap Paper Drive, two and one-half tons were sent to Rumford and there is another load still to be shipped. The following Paper Troopers received insignia and certificates of merit for outstanding activity in the campaign: Harry Cole (2105 lbs.), Carroll Lusk (1639 lbs.), Lawrence Bennett, Lee Carver, Teddy Chadbourne, Earl Cummings Jr., Dick Ireland, Joe Kneeland, Collins Morgan, Willis Murphy, Charles Smith, Rogers Pratt.

GOULD DROPS OVERTIME 17-15

Goald Academy lost its first game on the Field House floor to a visiting schoolboy team last Wednesday in an overtime battle 17-15. The only other defeat suffered on the home floor was a one point victory by the Alumni back in 1942. Gould had what looked like an easy victory as they led 11-4 at the quarter and 13-6 at the half. Neither team scored in the third period and in the final stanza. Bridgton began to move, going in to the lead 15-13, but Archie Young came through with the only score of the second half to tie it up and send the game into an overtime.

In the 3 minute overtime a long shot from the corner by Davis spelled defeat for the home team. The Gould boys were exceptionally jittery throughout the last period and the overtime making many wild heaves at the basket. The game might have been won on the free throw line as Gould made only 3 out of 11 free throws.

GOULD ACADEMY

Lawry, I	2	0	4
Stone, rf	1	0	2
Emery	0	0	0
C. Lyon	0	0	0
Stowell	0	0	0
Allen, lg	0	2	2
Young, rg	3	1	7
Totals	6	3	15

BRIDGTON ACADEMY

Shier, rf	4	2	10
Gregware, rf	0	0	0
Wallace, c	2	0	4
A. Denison, c	0	0	0
D. Davis, lg	1	1	2
Brackett, lg	0	0	0
Denison, rg	0	0	0
Totals	7	3	17

RATION TIMETABLE

MEATS & FATS—Good indefinitely—Red Stamps A3 through 23 and A5 through 35 in Book Four worth 10 points each. Red tokens worth one point each, used as change. It is expected that the next red stamps will be valid Jan. 7, 1945.

PROCESSED FOODS—Good indefinitely—Blue Stamps A2 through 23, A5 through 25 and A8 and 103 in Book Four worth 10 points each. No other stamps are expected to be valid for processed foods until Jan. 1, 1945.

SUGAR—Good indefinitely—Sugar Stamps 30, 31, 32, 33 and 34 in Book Four, each good for five pounds. Sugar Stamp 40 in Book Four, good for five pounds for home cooking through Feb. 25, 1945.

FUEL OIL—August 31, 1945—Last day for period four and period five coupons of 1944-45 issue. Period I coupons of 1944-45 issue now valid. All coupons worth 10 gallons a unit.

GASOLINE—December 31—Last day for A-13 coupons, good for four gallons each. H4, G4, B5 and C6 coupons good for five gallons each until further notice.

SHOES—Good indefinitely—Airplane Stamps No. 1, No. 2, and No. 3 in War Book Three good for one pair of shoes each.

GOULD DRAMATIC CLUB IN FIRST PERFORMANCE OF YEAR

On Friday evening, Dec. 15, three one act plays will be presented to the public in the William Bingham Gym by the Gould Academy Dramatic Club under Mr. Thompson's direction. Each year these one-act plays become more and more ambitious in content and presentation, and this year is no exception; an evening of real entertainment is promised those who attend.

Two of the plays, entitled "The Tangled Web" and "Search Me," are farce comedies with many entangling situations to promote laughter, and if rehearsals are any proof, they should go far to help the audience to forget the war and all their trouble for an hour or so.

The third play, "Jazz and Minuet," is of a more serious type, with a dream sequence which takes the cast back to colonial times. This is a definitely difficult thing for young actors to attempt, and richly costumed as it will be, will be a true test of the thespians ability to handle straight dramatic fare.

Music will be supplied by the Gould Academy orchestra under Miss Griggs' direction, and the curtain for the first play will rise promptly at eight.

LEWISTON-AUBURN LIONS RECOVER PROPERTY AT MEETING OF LOCAL CLUB

Five members of the Lewiston-Auburn Lions Club attended the meeting of the Bethel Lions Club at Bethel Monday evening, returning home with their gavel and song, which had been missing since the Bethel club visited them at the zone meeting last week. Twenty members and other guests were also present. Robert Dow of Norway spoke on the new Income Tax laws. Bowling was enjoyed after the meeting.

BEAR RIVER GRANGE OFFICERS ELECTED

Election of officers at Bear River Grange Saturday night: Master, George Stearns; Overseer, Fred Wight; Lecturer, Nellie Hodsdon; Steward, L. E. Wight; A. S., Llan Coillidge; Chaplain, Amy Bennett; Treasurer, E. E. Bennett; Secretary, Susan Wight; G. K., Cheslie Saunders; Cores, Una Stearns; Pomona, Adelle Saunders; Flora, Ida Wight; L. A. S., Mary Billings; B. Com., P. Saunders.

The Grange voted to send Master and his wife to State Grange.

Mrs. Mary Billings of the Home and Community Welfare Com. presented the Grange with a \$25.00 War Bond also turned in money to pay for "Service Honor Roll," besides paying boys dues.

Worthy Lecturer announced next meeting, Dec. 30 would be Ladies night.

GUILD CHRISTMAS COMMITTEES APPOINTED

The Guild met at the Congregational Church for a pot-luck supper and meeting Wednesday evening.

Committees were appointed to pack Christmas baskets as follows: Harriet Merrill, Nellie Foster, Ruth Chapman, and Ada Connor.

Committee to make candy bags for the tree: Ruth Chapman, Nellie Foster and Cella Gorman.

Reports of the December Sale were given. The next meeting will be Dec. 27.

MORRILL-PAINE

Miss Theo Paine of Freeport and T-Sgt. Laurice Morrill of the U. S. Marines were united in marriage at the Waterford Congregational Church Saturday afternoon, Dec. 9. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Wilbur I. Bull.

They were attended by Miss Frances Morrill, sister of the groom as maid of honor, Miss Beverly Kneeland and Miss Josephine Harp as brides maids, Owen Knox, of Portland was best man and the flower girl was the small sister of the bride, Mrs. Charlotte M. Fillibrown of Waterford played the wedding march.

Sgt. Morrill, son of Mr. and Mrs. Myron Morrill of Mason, who has recently returned from overseas, will report at Cherry Point after a 30 day furlough.



TUESDAY, DEC. 19

GOULD ACADEMY VS. BERLIN HIGH at 8:15

PRELIMINARY GAME: SKI TEAM VS. JVS at 7 o'clock

Admission 35c.

Gould Wins Opener

Goald Academy opened the season last Friday with a well earned 32-25 victory over Gorham, N. H. The "yeoman-like" work of Archie Young and Herb Lyon and the "Story-book" shooting of Kerna Allen proved to be the big factors in the "Blue and Gold" victory. It was the visitors third game of the season but they learned a lesson in passing even though it was the home teams first game. Gorham repeatedly threw the ball away with wild passes while the Academy boys passed in mild season form.

The home team made mostly long shots as the Gorham quintet stuck to a close zone defense. This proved their undoing as Allen had an eagle eye dropping 8 beautiful baskets for 16 points while Young, the other guard, contributed three more from out in front of the zone defense. All the Gould players played well for an opening game and show possibilities of better team play.

For Gorham it proved to be almost a one man show as sharp shooting Elchel dropped in 17 of his teams 25 points. In the preliminary game the visiting J. V's scored a 34-21 victory.

Summary:

	G	FG	PTS
GORHAM			
Elchel, lf	7	3	17
Webb, lf	0	0	0
Benson, rf	1	0	2
Panny, c	1	0	0
Reid, lg	1	0	0
Wright, lg	1	0	2
Robinson, rg	1	0	2
Pike, fg	0	0	0
Holmes, rf	0	0	0
Totals	11	3	25
GOULD ACADEMY			
Lawry, lf	3	1	7
Norwood, rf	0	0	0
Stone, rf	1	0	2
Lyon, c	0	1	1
Allen, lg	8	0	16
Young, rg	3	0	6
Totals	15	2	32
Gorham	6	10	21
Gould	7	15	20
Referee—Morrill, Time 4 3's.			

LEGION AUXILIARY

The American Legion Auxiliary met Tuesday evening at Mrs. L. E. Bennett's. Plans for the Christmas supper were discussed. The supper will be held at the Legion rooms Thursday evening, December 21. All members of the Legion and Auxiliary and their families are invited. It was announced the material for capes had come. It was voted to send cigarettes to hospitalized service men, also Christmas remembrances to members who were ill.

The next meeting will be January nine at Mrs. Mary Moore's, with a pot-luck supper.

BERLIN QUINT HERE TUESDAY

On Tuesday, Dec. 19th the Berlin High Mountaineers will play at Bethel. The visitors are coming with a potentially powerful team, that has already taken the measure of Gorham on the Gorham home floor. The N. H. team is an outfit possessed with many fine qualities such as good passing, drive, team work, and shooting ability.

The local five also was a victory over Gorham, but they lack the power of Berlin. However the team will be geared for action and basketball fans should see some real excitement. The game is scheduled to start at 8:15 at the Field House.

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THE STORY THUS FAR: Zorie Corey, who hates herself for being meek and shy, agrees to deliver some invitations for her employer's wife. It is raining, and she bursts into tears. A handsome stranger stops and gets her story from her; he tears up the invitations and deposits them in a nearby trash basket. Zorie, unable to assert herself, is railroaded into taking a job she doesn't want by Admiral Duncan, grandfather of her fiancé, Paul Duncan. Aboard the steamer, Samoa, en route to Hawaii, Zorie dances with Steve, Paul's brother. Steve is the "handsome stranger" who had befriended her. Paul is furious at Zorie, and refers to Steve as a Nazi spy. The admiral dictates some of his memoirs to Zorie.

CHAPTER VIII

She looked at them both with dismay. "I—I think we're doing nicely," she said in a quavering voice. "There!" cried the admiral with a triumphant chirle.

"Zorie!" Steve said in a shocked voice. He was looking at her as if he didn't believe it.

"I never thought you'd let me down," he said softly. Then he grinned, very slowly. "Oh, well—it's only a book."

"I can't think any more," the admiral said. "You might as well go, Zorie."

With a half-hour to spare, Zorie went up to A Deck. She hoped she might see Steve. All she wanted was to tell him why she hadn't backed him up in his argument with the admiral. She wanted to explain that she considered it a family matter in which she had no voice.

She walked aft. The bar door was open. A smart-looking gray-haired woman was at the bar alone having a cocktail.

Zorie hesitated. If it was customary for unescorted women to drink at the bar, why shouldn't she? A drink might steady her.

She walked to the bar, sat down on a stool and ordered a Martini. She told herself she really needed it. She needed courage. No matter what happened this evening, she would need courage. Alcohol gave you false courage, but false courage was better than none.

Zorie had done very little drinking. The Martini bartender stirred and placed before her was different from any cocktail she had ever tasted. It was delicious. The icy spicy liquid was soothing to her aching throat.

It was almost six-thirty. She paid for her drinks, walked once around the deck to enjoy her glowing feeling, then went down to the admiral's suite.

When she opened the door, her stateroom was dark. She switched on the light. The room was filled with a pale fog of smoke, but it wasn't cigarette smoke. It was cigar smoke. She supposed that Winthrop Lanning had been here with Amber, and had smoked a cigar.

She sat down on Amber's bed and waited for the phone to ring. She was facing her own bed under which her trunk was visible. She looked at it for some time without actually seeing it, thinking of Steve and hoping he would phone. Zorie was suddenly aware that something was wrong. When she had come in here after work this afternoon, she had pulled out the trunk, put her books in it, locked it, and pushed it back under the bed. But she had pushed it under the bed with the lock facing out. The lock was now facing the wall and the hinged side was facing out.

She got up. Amber no doubt had been up to more of her diabolical tricks.

Zorie pulled the trunk out and unlocked and opened it.

The stenographer's book was not where she had placed it. She searched the trunk hurriedly, but she could not find the notebook. The notebook was gone!

It now occurred to Zorie, as she knelt there with chilled prancing over her, that something else was missing. It was the young Bavarian engineering student's treatise—"A Critical Survey of the Re-tooling of the Waffensfabrik Krupp Plant for Increased Wartime Production."

She was trying to think calmly. Her first assumption had been that Amber had stolen the notebook and treatise in a final effort to force her to move out of this stateroom. Then she recalled the cigar smoke she had smelled when she first came in. Amber would not be likely to have a key that would fit this lock or the skill necessary to pick it.

She must do something, but she did not know what to do. When the admiral learned that his day's dictation was lost, he would be furious. He would blame her. If she went to Paul, he might spoil everything by doing the wrong thing. The logical person to consult was Steve. But she did not trust Steve. Whatever was happening, Steve was in it.

Her earlier suspicions returned. Steve had lived in Germany and turned Nazi. The Lannings, in spite of his defense of them, were doubtless Nazis, too. And the powerful-looking man with scrubby red hair who had several times stared at her so searchingly—he was obviously in with them, and that made him a Nazi, too.

She recalled how he, Amber, and her uncle had each, in turn, stared at her. Why? It had been obvious that Amber had mistaken her for someone else.

One of them had stolen the notebook and the engineering treatise.

They must suspect that she was in some way involved—but in what?

It was puzzling and alarming. . . . She would, she decided, talk to Steve about it, but not yet. She wanted to think things over. She wanted, first of all, another Martini.

Zorie went to the bar. She was drinking a Martini when a suave, familiar voice said, "Well! I was beginning to think you were being kept packed away in Jeweler's cotton."

She looked around into Winthrop Lanning's dark, handsome, saturnine face. His lids were partly lowered and she noticed the little star-shaped scar under his left eye. Only one corner of his mouth was smiling. It gave him a sinister air.

She wondered if he had gone into her stateroom, opened her trunk and taken the notebook and treatise. She wondered who he thought she was, and what he thought she was doing.

"You know," he said, "I'm awfully curious about you."

"Why?" Zorie asked. Her voice sounded squeaky to her. She was frightened. She was afraid of this man and what he represented, but she was trying to keep it out of her expression.

"Let's sit down and have a drink," he said, "and I'll tell you. There is something about you that baffles me."

Zorie wondered what this really meant. He had certainly seen her stare.

Pierre Savoyard said nothing. He stared.

In Elleryton, talking with Steve before the telephone pole in the rain. He must know now what was in the notebook, and he must have read the treatise. Instinct warned her to be very careful, to say little or nothing.

She wished that Steve would come along.

"Why, Mr. Lanning?" she said in a small voice.

"Well," he said, "you're a beautiful woman. You have beautiful hair, you have heavenly eyes and an exquisite nose and a delicious mouth. . . . Why?"

"Why?" Zorie echoed.

"Yes—why? Why are you doing everything you can to conceal the facts? Why do you wear your hair as you do? Why do you go without makeup? Why do you dress so deliberately to hide the fact that you are beautiful?"

Zorie's cheeks were burning. She said as calmly as she could: "It happens to be engaged to a man who disapproves of makeup and frivolous clothes."

His eyes and his smile were knowing. "Ah!" he said softly. "But it goes deeper than that, Miss Corey. The Chinese have a saying—'The flower of love does not thrive on tears.' Something of the kind also applies to loveliness. Loveliness does not thrive on neglect—or on a determination to be unlovely. Do you see my point?"

Zorie wanted to say that he was being rude and prying! That how she did her hair, and what she did about her face and her body was none of his business.

"Not quite," she said meekly. The waiter brought their drinks.

"Do it again," Mr. Lanning said. Then, to Zorie: "With you, I believe, it's a state of mind. You are inherently a great actress. You become whatever you wish to be. It's amazing, isn't it? And a great talent."

He was staring at her hard now. She felt a familiar fluttering in her heart.

"So now," Mr. Lanning said, "you are somebody's fiancée. . . . How did you like Elleryton?"

"I hated it!" Zorie said impulsively.

"Ah! Yes. But you would."

"Why would I?"

"But why not?" he laughed. "Consider Elleryton."

Zorie drank her Martini. The waiter took her glass away and put down a full one in its place. Mr. Lanning said carelessly, "Do it again."

He looked rather pleased, Zorie thought, and she wondered why.

"My niece tells me you're doing secretarial work."

Zorie's heart gave a sickening thump. "Yes," she said. She hesitated, then went on: "I'm helping Admiral Duncan with his autobiography."

"Really!" Mr. Lanning said. "That must be very interesting."

His smile was mocking. His eyes were narrow and knowing. Zorie had a sense of something mysterious and threatening and ugly happening just under the surface.

He spoke rapidly in French. She looked at him blankly.

"Oh! Don't you understand French?" he said.

"No, Mr. Lanning."

"That's odd," he said. "That's very odd."

"Why?" Zorie gasped.

"You might have a command of so many tongues!"

"But tell me why?"

"Well," he said, laughing, "mystery is always intriguing."

Someone has stopped beside the table.

"Miss Corey," Mr. Lanning said, in his graceful way, "this is my friend—my companion—Pierre Savoyard."

"How do you do?" Zorie said faintly.

Pierre Savoyard said nothing. He stared.

"Miss Corey," Mr. Lanning said, "is helping Admiral Duncan write his autobiography. She says it is very interesting work."

"Truly?" Pierre Savoyard said. He had a soft, low voice.

Zorie felt that she was on trial. She wished Steve or Paul would come along. She was frightened.

Beyond Mr. Savoyard she suddenly saw Amber Lanning.

Amber was sleek and beautiful in midnight blue. She was walking slowly past. Her eyes were narrowed. She nodded slightly and walked on. The nod, Zorie realized, was meant for her uncle. He had evidently given her some kind of signal.

Zorie felt a chill dart along her spine. Her mouth was so dry she could hardly swallow. The waiter had replaced her empty cocktail glass with still another full one. She drank it hastily and glanced at Mr. Lanning, then at Pierre Savoyard. For an instant she saw in his face determination. It made him more sinister than ever.

He said in his deep voice, "It has been so nice meeting you, Miss Corey." He walked on. He disappeared. Amber had disappeared, too.

Zorie felt dizzy. The room had started to revolve. She squeezed her eyes shut and gave her head a little shake. She opened her eyes. . . . She still felt dizzy.

"Mr. Lanning," she said, "I have a date. You'll have to excuse me."

Her voice sounded thick, the words, fuzzy.

Those Martinis! How many had she had? Three? Four? Five?

Her face felt cold and damp.

Mr. Lanning was rising. She could not see his face too clearly.

She stood up, hoping she could still walk. She made her way uncertainly to the door and went on deck. The cool, strong sea breeze felt wonderful on her face. She went to the rail.

The phrase "walk it off" went through her mind. There was nothing to do but walk it off.

She started up the deck. Everything had a glassy look. A man in a white coat and black trousers was slowly coming along the deck toward her.

She was sure it was Paul. He stopped a few feet away from her. She could not see his face very clearly, but she saw the anger in his clear gray-green eyes.

"Will you please explain this?" he said grimly.

"What?" Zorie asked.

"I look at you! You can hardly stand up! You'd better take a good long walk."

"With you?" Zorie asked.

"What's wrong," he said savagely, "with Mr. Lanning?"

"Did you see us?"

"Yes, I saw you."

"He's a horrible man!"

"But the type you evidently prefer."

He walked rapidly away. Zorie stood looking after him, hurt and resentful. But he was right. She shouldn't have had those drinks with Mr. Lanning. She would never do such a thing again.

She loved Paul, and she wanted to please him. He carried himself so well, she thought; he had such fine shoulders, such a beautiful head.

She continued along her uncertain course. She felt confused and frightened. The things Mr. Lanning had said, the questions he had asked, had been meaningless, yet full of dark significance. It was evident that he suspected her of being someone else; that his niece and Mr. Savoyard also suspected it.

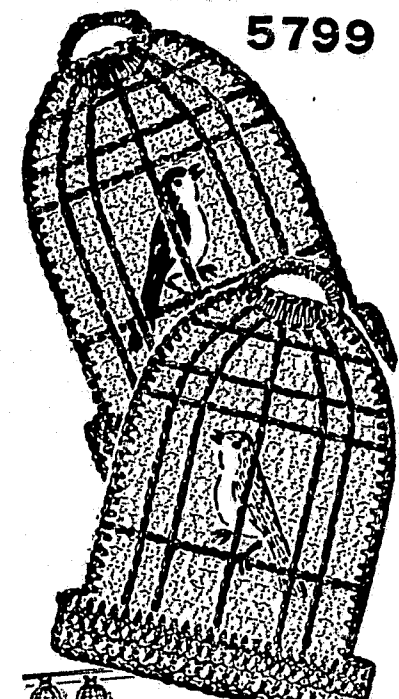
Why was it odd that she didn't speak French? Why had he said, "You become whatever you wish to be. It's amazing, isn't it? And a great talent?"

Why had they stolen the notebook and the treatise? If they were Nazi agents—and she was sure they were—of what did they suspect her, or the girl she resembled?

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"Wal," the farmer announced, "that brings you right back here."

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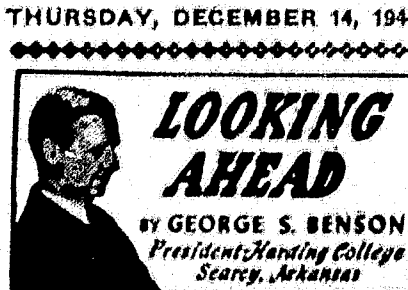
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Power Resource

Personal confidence is one of the world's really great power resources. When two individuals become acquainted, after they have more or less dealing with each other, confidence for a noticeable lack of confidence always results. This is no part of high-brow psychology. It is a practical experience that comes to every human before he knows enough words to tell about it.

The power contained in this commonplace, human relationship is too big to calculate. How many times have you known insolvent business firms to rise above ruin and fight their way to prosperity because a banker believed personally in somebody? More than once I have seen "defeated" ball teams build victory from nothing anybody could see but the hopeful grin of a respected coach.

Of Practical Use

Nowhere in mortal existence is the power of personal trust so obvious as in a hospital. Patients get better when the doctor comes. Pain seems to lose its edge, fever actually subsides, confusion gives place to calm when the physician enters. It is a positive curative, a definite part of physical treatment. It is a thing too useful and effective to be lightly discarded.

There is a concerted movement on foot in political circles to break up this relationship between doctor and patient. It is spoken of as "instilling socialized medicine." By no means have all the details of the plan been worked out, but the early steps have been charted. It adds up to putting all doctors on the government's payroll and assigning them their patients.

It Is Regimentation

To Mr. Average Citizen it means that he can't choose his physician. If he gets sick or a member of his family encounters accident or ill health, he must complain to a bureau and accept the doctor picked by the bureaucrat in charge. He probably will be obliged to go somewhere and sit out a blank first. If the case calls for hospital service he will be so informed and a hospital selected for him.

Boosters for socialized medicine claim it will improve the entire nation's well being. They say it will make doctors anxious to keep their communities well, make them zealous of disease prevention. I doubt it. Making doctors salaried government men can't help but make a lot of them lazy and indifferent. It might reasonably cost many lives and it would certainly pile administrative expenses to the sky.

A Labor of Love

Professional services, by their very nature, are personal services. In large part they are confidential. A man who is not at liberty to pick his own confidant is not a free man at all. Doctors admit that they, on the average, might earn more money in fewer hours of work under socialized medicine. Nevertheless doctors oppose it and it is to their moral credit.

Doctors oppose shorter hours at better pay, why? Because in getting these "goodies" for themselves they would cause their patients to pay more, suffer more and perhaps die sooner. The physician's work would be no longer personal... no longer professional. In their vital delicate services doctors would have to get along without personal confidence, the most helpful of all medicines.

SCHOOL SAVINGS				
Week of November 11, 1944				
Grade	Sav. Bank	Total	P.C.	
I	\$2.00	\$5.25	70	
II	2.00	3.85	71	
III	5.00	3.65	79	
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AMERICA TRIED IT

Did you know that America once tried communism and darn near perished?

The English colonies at Jamestown were on a communistic basis at first. Land was owned in common and whatever was raised or got by trading with the Indians was divided.

Historian John Fiske says: "The lazy ones would not work, and the industrious ones were not very willing to work."

But Sir Thomas Dale arrived and abolished communism, put the country on a "free enterprise" basis, made each man his own tract, required two and a half barrels of corn as taxes, and allowed each the balance of his crop.

For the first time, the colonies began to thrive.

Yet some people—even after that sample of communism—want to try it here again—partially or completely.

SOUTH WOODSTOCK

The South Woodstock Farm Bureau met at the home of Mrs. Esther Davis on Tuesday. Mrs. Davis was assisted by Mrs. Miriam Hendrickson.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Stanley Andrews are visiting relatives in Massachusetts. Mrs. Garvin is with their three little children during their absence.

Mrs. George Hendrickson is quite poorly. She is at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Arthur Thurlow.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Davis were in Rumford Saturday.

Priscilla, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hart, is at the Rumford Community Hospital, where she was taken for appendicitis.

THE LOW DOWN FROM HICKORY GROVE

Mr. Seneca said, "The mind that is anxious about the future is miserable." And for anybody not knowing Mr. Seneca, I will tell 'em. He was a Roman philosopher, born in 3 B. C. Mr. Seneca was no green pea.

Lots of folks today have folding money burning holes in their jeans. But Mr. Seneca was not talking so much about this kind of folks. He was talking about the kind who could not figure what today's dollars are bringing down upon us tomorrow—like our present tinkering here in the U. S. A. with socialism and making the Govt. the boss of all our doings, clean to the mortician. Young folks with ambition and pep, and a hankering to get ahead under their own steam, don't have too much out there in the future to beckon 'em.

An off-shoot that leans too heavy on mama and papa don't set any wads on fire. And a person looking to the Govt. for all the answers becomes soft and half-way useless. What this country needs is more people to write post-cards to Congress. We gotta get the Govt. back to its job of keeping the peace and being the umpire—nothing else.

When Uncle Sambo gets back to just and fair governing, we will forget our anxieties and go to town.

Yours with the low down,

JO SERRA

GROVER HILL

Mr. and Mrs. Edward King and two children, James and Alice of Jefferson, N. H. were Sunday guests at Cleve Waterhouse's.

Winfield Whitman of Campton, N. H. visited his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Whitman over the week end.

John T. Brown and daughter, Winifred of South Paris were at Mrs. Brown's Sunday.

Mrs. Walter Brown visited her mother, Mrs. Sophie Conner at West Bethel Saturday night.

Alfred J. Peaslee leaves this week to make his home in the Odd Fellows' Home at Auburn. The best wishes of the neighborhood go with Mr. Peaslee who will be greatly missed here.

Vernon Mills of Mason assisted by James Muntt sawed wood for G. L. Whitman, Everett Bean and Karl Stearns last week.

True Brown is quite ill and under a doctor's care.

MIDDLE INTERVALE

Mrs. Ada Balentine spent a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Richard Carter last week.

Miss Elizabeth Ward spent the week end with Miss Helen Robertson at Bethel.

Mrs. Ernest Swan and children of Dixfield were guests of her parents Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Stevens this week end.

Mrs. Curtis Winslow and children Evelyn and Duane called on Mrs. Lillian Carter, one day last week.

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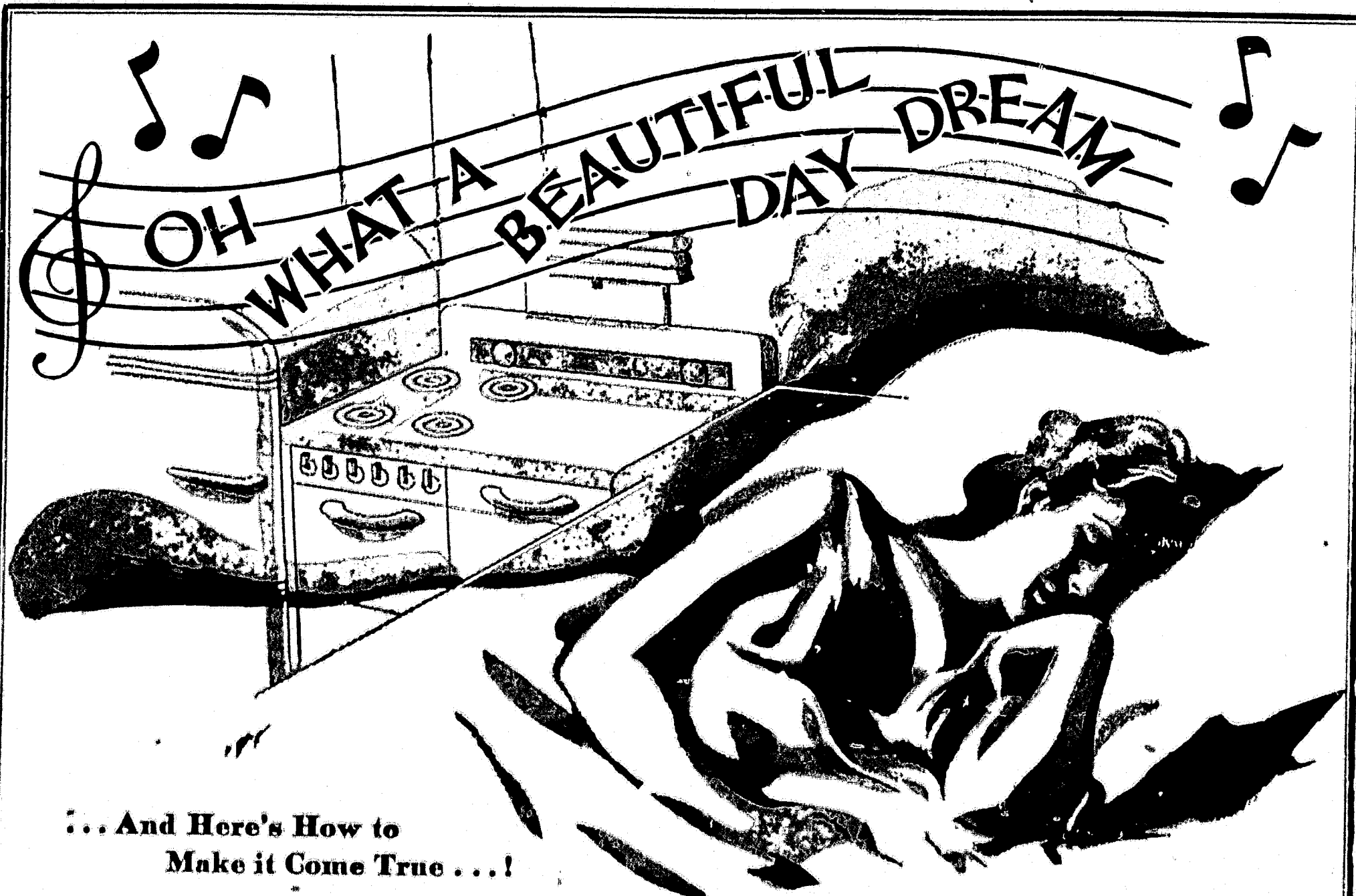
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SOUTH ALBANY

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Kimball at Bethel S. Mrs. Leon Kimball home after spending with relatives in E. Mrs. Kenneth C. (Mrs. Hill) and R. U. S. Navy spent the Mr. and Mrs. John called on friends in Newell Andrews. Roy-Wardwell played at North Waterford Saturday night. The other dance held night, December 1. Joseph Pechnik visitor in South Pa.

WEST PARIS

Mrs. Geneva Tuell Mrs. and Mrs. Ma were given a variety Universalist Church, ending, December 4, their recent marriage a nice variety of gifts.

ALBANY TOWN

Mrs. Annie Bumpall Mr. and Mrs. Merri children were supplied and Mrs. Ray Anderson of last week. Rev. W. Y. Bull Church service Sunday, an attendance of 15 children at Sunday school. Mrs. Sarah Anderson the last week. Mrs. Bertha Anderson Mrs. Ray Andrews attended a birthday McCallister's Tuesday. Kendrick's Seribna the armed forces of day, Dec. 12th. Mr. and Mrs. W. have moved to D. Bernard Harrington Fred Littlefield's tractor in the wood. Mrs. Bertha Anderson few days with Mr. Keplston and family. Mr. and Mrs. Kenley, Phyllis, brought day. They also call Nam's. Mr. and Mrs. G. family spent Sunday in Otisfield. Mr. and Mrs. R. family were dinner and Mrs. Merritt day. This was a family Merritt who is leaving armed forces this day. Mrs. Christine daughter returned Rumford Hospital the spending the mother, Mrs. Laura

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SOUTH ALBANY

Mr and Mrs Ivan Kimball and Leon Kimball attended the pictures at Bethel Saturday night. Mrs Leon Kimball has returned home after spending a few days with relatives in Bath and Auburn. Mrs Kenneth Carlson (nee Margaret Hill) and Robert Hill of the U S Navy spent the week end with Mr and Mrs John Spinney and called on friends in this locality. Newell Andrews and Mr and Mrs Roy Wardwell played for a dance at North Waterford Grand Hall Saturday night. There will be another dance held there Saturday night, December 16. Joseph Pechnik was a business visitor in South Paris Saturday.

WEST PARIS

Mrs. Geneva Tuell, Correspondent
Mr and Mrs Maurice L. Hadley were given a variety shower at the Universalist Church Monday evening, December 4, in honor of their recent marriage. They received a nice variety of pretty and useful gifts.

ALBANY TOWN HOUSE

Mrs. Annie Bumpus, Correspondent
Mr and Mrs Merritt Kimball and children were supper guests at Mr and Mrs Ray Andrews' Wednesday of last week.

Rev W. J. Bull conducted the church service Sunday P M with an attendance of 10. There were five children at Sunday School.

Mrs Sarah Andrews shot a nice deer the last week of hunting. Mrs Bertha Andrews and Mr and Mrs Ray Andrews and children attended a birthday party at Albert McAllister's Tuesday evening.

Kendrick Scribner left to join the armed forces of the U S, Tuesday, Dec 12th.

Mr and Mrs Will McAllister Jr have moved to Denmark. Bernard Harrington is staying at Fred Littlefield's while driving his tractor in the woods.

Mrs Bertha Andrews spent a few days with Mr and Mrs Albert Kepiston and family at Portland.

Mr and Mrs Keniston and daughter, Phyllis, brought her home Sunday. They also called at E C Lapham's.

Mr and Mrs G B Scribner and family spent Sunday with relatives in Otisfield.

Mr and Mrs Ray Andrews and family were dinner guests at Mr and Mrs Merritt Kimball's Sunday. This was a farewell party for Merritt who is leaving to join the armed forces this week.

Mrs Christine Rich and baby daughter returned home from the Rumford Hospital last week. They are spending the winter with her mother, Mrs Laura Pinkham.

GREENWOOD CENTER

Mrs Beryl Martin has finished working in the mill at Lockes. Winnie Hanscom has returned to her home on Rowe Hill after helping Mrs Martin several weeks.

The lake has been good skating the past week. Several from Howe Hill and this community had a skating party Sunday.

Mr and Mrs Will Seames and family, Howe Hill called at D R Cole's Sunday.

Lucy Curtis, West Paris, called on Mrs Beryl Martin recently.

Mr and Mrs Lee Mills and two sons of Locke Mills were at R L Martin's Saturday afternoon and evening.

Roy and Louis Martin have been working for Roy Millet the past week at Greenwood City.

Mr Hastings of Bethel was in the place recently with Ross Martin's potatoes.

Mrs Gladys Bailey was home from South Paris for the week end.

HANOVER

Correspondent—
Mrs. W. W. Worcester

Herbert Young has had a furnace installed in his home.

A chimney fire at the home of Frank Douglass Wednesday morning caused some excitement but no damage.

The Pythian sisters held their regular meeting Friday afternoon. The following officers were elected: M E C, Amy Marston; E S Carrie French; E J, Mandy Lapham; M Selma Chapman; P, Marie Abbott; G, Daisy Warren; M of F, Blanche Saunders; 3rd Trustee, Mandy Lapham; Rep to Grand, Edith Howe; Pianist, Helen Barker. The next meeting will be installation, with Helen Barker installing officer. A dinner will be served by the losing side in the recently held contest.

John Forbes attended the basketball game at Bethel Friday night. Elwood Richardson resumed work this week after being out for

some time on account of illness. Mr and Mrs Parker Russell and Mrs H.riet Coady went to Bangor Sunday.

Mr and Mrs W C Holt and Mrs Alice Staples, Hotel Harris, Rumford were in town Friday of last week.

B J Russell's dog, Buster, was bitten Sunday by the Wilson dog, breaking his lower jaw, necessitating his going to Dr Greenleaf's, at Bethel for a 10 day treatment.

Mrs Ethelyn Shields, Rumford was a recent visitor with her sister, Mrs Isobel Croteau.

NORTH NEWRY

Leon Enman is working at Rumford for the highway department. Sgt Willard Wight was at home on a short furlough Saturday night.

Mrs Albert Morton has moved her household goods to Bethel where she will live.

Mrs Helen Morton substituted at the Branch School Monday and Tuesday. The teacher, Miss Mina

Stevens, being ill. Miss Delma Ross went to Portland to visit relatives. She will go to Ellsworth to visit her mother before returning.

Several of the boys in service have acknowledged receipt of their Christmas boxes and wish to express their thanks to friends and neighbors for same.

ROWE HILL
Miss Eunice Palmer was home over the week end from her work in Berlin.

Sylvia Ring and Winifred Hanscom were at Locke Mills over the week end guests of Mrs Hanscom's sister, Mrs Iva Lang. They attended the dance Saturday night.

Colby Ring went to Portland over the week end to visit.

Little Colby Martin spent the past week with his grandparents, Mr and Mrs Colby Ring.

Wilmer Bryant and Mrs Margaret Bryant were at Locke Mills Saturday morning.

Mrs Ray Hanscom and Sylvia

Ring went to South Paris and Norway Tuesday.

SOUTH BETHEL

Mr and Mrs Frank Robertson were called to Waterbury, Conn last Saturday on account of the death of Mr Robertson's brother, Percy Robertson.

James Spinney was in Norway last Friday on business.

Mr and Mrs Clayton Heath of Norway called at the home of James Spinney Friday evening.

Mrs Florence Hewey has been quite sick for a few days.

NOTICE OF LOST BANK BOOK

Notice is hereby given that the Bethel Savings Bank has been notified that book of deposit issued by said bank and numbered 5507 has been destroyed or lost and it is desired that a new book of deposit be issued.

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No one person or group can do this alone . . . you and your friends must help.

Help "sell" your community as a producer of goods.

Every one of us who shares in the fortunes of New England must take a hand—and that includes the New Haven Railroad.

It's a job for you local business men whose livelihood depends upon full employment . . . for you bankers, farmers, lawyers, doctors, school teachers, realtors, insurance agents, storekeepers, members of the Chamber of Commerce, Rotary, Kiwanis, Lions and other service clubs.

It's a job for municipal officials and your representatives in the Legislatures who should keep property productive and taxes down.

It's a job for the clergyman who has the welfare of his flock at heart.

It's a job for the homeowner and his wife who want to protect their investment.

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We of the New Haven believe in New England and in its industrial future.

No other part of America is more strategically located, has more manufacturing experience or as extensive a manufacturing establishment already in existence. No other section is nearer the great markets of the United States or has better rail, air and water facilities so vital to industry.

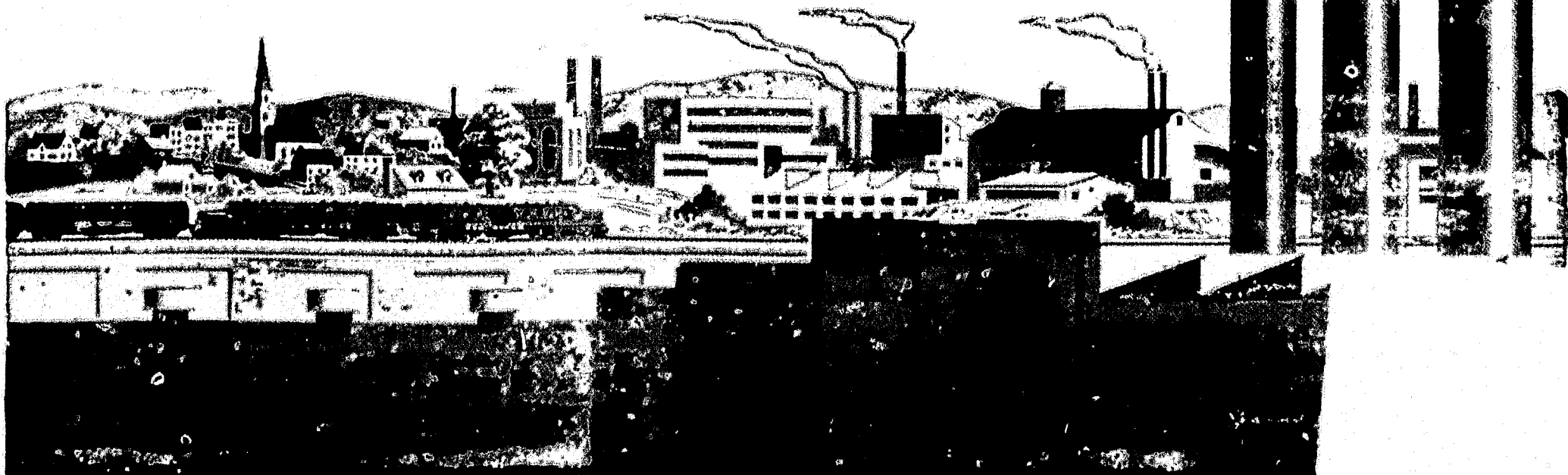
Among us—all of us—we can keep the chimneys smoking.

We will do our part.

Will you—in your own way—do yours?

THE **NEW HAVEN** R.R.

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THE AMERICAN WAY

AMERICANS
GET BUSY

By George Peck

The National Broadcasting company, apparently under pressure from the Federal Communications Commission, has notified the Shaeffer Pen Company of Fort Madison, Iowa, that that company cannot have any further time on its network for the advertising of its products if it continues to engage Mr. Upton Close as its commentator.

Why? Because Upton Close has dared to expose the Communists during the 27 months that he has occupied his Sunday afternoon spot on the air. Evidently his radio scripts have not been "cleared with Sidney."

STATE OF MAINE.

To all persons interested in either of the Estates hereinafter named:

At a Probate Court held at Paris, in and for the County of Oxford on the third Tuesday of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and forty-four from day to day from the third Tuesday of said November. The following matters having been presented for the action thereupon hereinafter indicated, it is hereby Ordered:

That notice thereof be given to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford County Citizen a newspaper published at Bethel, in said County, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at said Paris, on the third Tuesday of December, A. D. 1944, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, and be heard thereon if they see cause.

Mary J. Bartlett, late of Greenwood, deceased; Twenty-first trust account for the benefit of Bertha May Davis presented for allowance by Mervyn C. Park, Trustee.

Mary J. Bartlett, late of Greenwood, deceased; Petition for the appointment of First Portland National Bank of Portland, Maine, as Trustee to take the place of Ellery C. Park, former Trustee who has filed his resignation as such Trustee, presented by Bertha May Davis, beneficiary under said trust estate.

Annie L. Cole, late of Woodstock, deceased; Will and petition for probate thereof and the appointment of Clarence E. Cole as executor of the same to act without bond as expressed in said Will, presented by Clarence E. Cole, the executor therein named.

Harry H. Crockett, late of Woodstock, deceased; Petition for the appointment of Mary P. Crockett as administratrix of the estate of said deceased, without bond, presented by Mary P. Crockett, widow of deceased.

Mabel Harden Chase of Greenwood, adult ward; Tenth account presented for allowance by Ellery C. Park, guardian.

Witness: Alton A. Lessard Acting Judge of said Court at Paris, this third Tuesday of November in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and forty-four.

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Now, without going into details on a discussion of what Upton Close has broadcast over the air, let me point out that if he has libelled anyone, any such victim has recourse to our duly constituted courts for redress. It is significant that at this writing no one has so far entered court action against Mr. Close.

As far as I can discover, Upton Close has simply exercised his American right to freedom of speech which is guaranteed to him by the Bill of Rights wherein it reads, "freedom from fear of government reprisal for what is said and what is not said." In doing this Close has aroused the ire of the Communistic and radical elements, who now seek to still his voice.

If such action can be taken against one sponsor and one commentator, it can be taken against all. It will establish a precedent that eventually will debase the American Republic to the level of a dictatorship. For if the radio is not available, equally to honest champions of the policy of whatever government may be in power, and to honest critics of that policy, then free speech on the air has failed at the moment it is most needed. If free speech on the air is destroyed, free speech in the press will not long survive. And if free speech is destroyed, then indeed liberty in America will be dead.

New York's PM makes no bones about what is to follow if this ruling against Close is not reversed. In an editorial on November 15, it said: "Disclosure of Close's dismissal comes on the heels of the announcement that the Blue (Network) is dropping Henry J. Taylor at the end of December. PM's Arnold Blom, commenting on Taylor's discharge, listed Close, Fulton Lewis and Rupert Hughes, among others, who should be thrown off the air."

This is a matter to be thoroughly aired before Congress which is the guardian of our liberties. Congress should conduct a complete investigation, regardless of who is involved. The right of free speech guaranteed by the Bill of Rights must be maintained and Congress is the properly-constituted body to do that job.

Whether or not you agree with the philosophy expounded on the air by Upton Close, I urge you to contact your Congressman and your Senators—enter your protest against this subversive attempt to purge an American, to silence the voice of opposition and to sow the seeds of dictatorship here in America—a dictatorship such as those that millions of our gallant sons are offering up their lives to stamp out in Europe and Asia.

Let's nip this unholy thing in the bud. Get busy Americans!



"The folks sure are gonna be surprised when they see how we improved on their trimming job!"

EQUIVALENT TO TREASON

Strikes have been such a common occurrence during the war that, unpardonable as they are, they no longer shock some people except in cases where the abuse is most glaring. A recent strike in Detroit was one of the latter. A jurisdictional dispute tied up work in 24 vital war plants. It is not hard to imagine the bitterness that this uncalled for action must have aroused in the hearts of millions, with members of their families serving in the armed forces and dependent upon the products of those Detroit plants to carry on the war. They cannot be blamed for wondering what in the world has happened to the souls of workmen who sanction these strikes, knowing full well the consequences to our fighting men.

At least in the case of this Detroit strike, a government official came forth with an unqualified condemnation. Undersecretary of War Robert P. Patterson wired local union officials as follows: "Your strikes are stopping the flow of ammunition guns, trucks and tanks that are vitally needed at the front. Your strikes have nothing to do with wages, hours of work or working conditions and represent no honest grievances. Such conduct is equivalent to treason when it paralyzes plants making munitions that must be speeded to General Eisenhower and General MacArthur."

Of course, the strike ended—but that does not alter the fact that it happened and that production was held up.

NOTICE

The annual meeting of the stockholders of The Bethel National Bank will be held in the banking rooms of said Bank in Bethel, Maine, on Tuesday, January 9th, 1945, at two o'clock in the afternoon for the purpose of electing directors for the ensuing year and the transaction of any business that may legally come before said meeting.

FRED B. MERRILL, Cashier
Bethel, Maine, November 20, 1944. 53

CITIZEN SERVICE RECORD

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ASSISTANCE ASKED TO HELP ESTABLISH LOCAL RECORDS OF SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN

Relatives of service men and women are asked to fill in the blank above and return to the Citizen Office. At the present time there are no local records of those in the service and this is asked in an effort to compile information which may be of great value later. Data on all persons, now or formerly in the armed forces, is desired. It is urged that all who can do so send the form in as soon as possible.

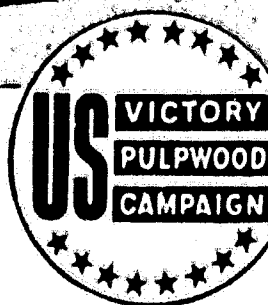
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THE JOB IN THE PACIFIC IS STILL TERRIFIC!



THERE ARE STILL MILLIONS OF TOUGH, BRUTAL JAPS TO LICK. EVERY JAP WE KILL MAKES MY CHANCES OF GETTING HOME BETTER, AND IT COSTS PLENTY TO KILL A JAP

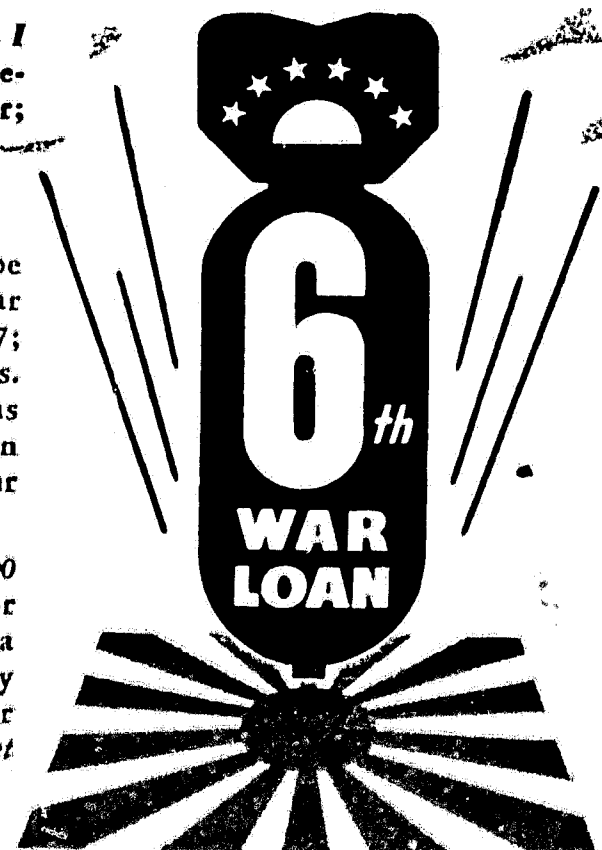
If you think Japan is a pushover—you're fooling yourself, mister. Millions of fanatical Japanese are prepared to die for their country. Every American soldier, marine and sailor in the Pacific knows that he has a tough fight on his hands. You can't tell them their war is over! Even as you read these words, American men are dying in the fight against Japan.

Look into your heart and ask yourself honestly: "Have I stopped fighting? Have I stopped buying War Bonds because I think the war is about over?" You're not a quitter; your answer is "No!"

It costs billions of dollars a month to fight Japan

The fight in the Pacific calls for a highly specialized type of equipment. B-29 bombers that cost \$600,000 in War Bonds; M-4 tanks with bulldozer blades that cost \$67,417; "alligators" that cost \$30,000; millions of gallons of gas. We need more and costlier equipment than any war has ever called for. And that's the reason for the 6th War Loan Drive. Just as long as a single Japanese aims a gun at our men—we must continue to buy War Bonds.

Once again you are asked to buy at least one extra \$100 War Bond. Buy more if you possibly can. Not only is it for the final Victory—it's for your future. Sign up for extra War Bonds on the Payroll Plan. Welcome the Victory Volunteer when he or she calls at your home. Remember—the job in the Pacific is still terrific. We're out to get Japan in the 6th War Loan Drive!



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Ernie Pyle's Story

Air Crew To Make Fighter Men Desperate

(Editor's Note): This was with the GIs during taking a much needed rest.

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Ernie Pyle's Slant on the War:

Air Crew Invited Jerrys
To Make Daily Mail StopFighter Pilots Are Forgotten
Men Despite Their Brilliant Work

By Ernie Pyle

(Editor's Note): This dispatch was written and first published when Pyle was with the GIs during the air battles in French North Africa. He is currently taking a much needed rest in New Mexico.

A FORWARD AIRDRONE IN FRENCH NORTH AFRICA. While bad weather stymies the ground fighting in Tunisia, the air war on both sides has been daily increasing in intensity until it has reached a really violent tempo.

Not a day passes without heavy bombing of Axis ports, vicious strafing of cities and airdromes, losses on both sides and constant watchful patrolling.

Here, at one of our airdromes, all of us can assure you that being bombed is no fun. Yet these tired, hard-working Americans jokingly decided to send a telegram to Allied headquarters asking them to arrange for the Jerrys to stop there each evening and pick up our mail.

I am living at this airdrome for a while. It can't be named, although the Germans obviously know where it is, since they call on us frequently. Furthermore, they announced quite a while ago by radio that they would destroy the place within three days.

I hadn't been here three hours till the Germans came. They arrived just at dusk. And they came arrogantly, flying low. Some of them must have regretted their audacity, for they never got home. The fireworks that met them were beautiful from the ground, but must have been hideous up where they were.

They dropped bombs on several parts of the field, but their aim was marred at the last minute. There were no direct hits on anything. Not a man was scratched, though the stories of near misses multiplied into the hundreds by the next day. One soldier who had found a bottle of wine was lying in a pup tent drinking. He never got up during the raid—just lay there cussing at the Germans.

When the raid was over he was untouched, but the tent a foot above him was riddled with shrapnel.

Another soldier made a practice of keeping a canteen hanging just above his head. That night when he went to take a drink the canteen was empty. Investigation revealed a shrapnel hole, through which the water had run out.

Another soldier had the front sight of his rifle shot off by a German machine-gun bullet.

Some of the soldiers were actually picking tiny bits of shrapnel out of their coats all the next day. Yet, as I said, not a drop of American blood was shed.

When this airdrome was first set up the soldiers dug slit trenches just deep enough to lie down in during a raid, but after each new bombing the trenches got deeper.

GIs Outdig WPA. Everybody makes fun of himself—but keeps on digging. Today some of these trenches are more than eight feet deep. I'll bet there has been more whole-hearted digging here in two weeks than WPA did in two years.

The officers don't have to hound their men. They dig with a will of their own, and with a vengeance. If we stay here long enough we'll probably have to install elevators to get to the bottom of the trenches.

After supper you see officers as well as men out digging. Each little group has its own trench design. Some are just square holes. Some form an L. Some are regulation zigzag. The ground here is dry, and the trenches don't fill up with water as they do in the coastal and mountain camps. The earth is as hard as concrete. You have to use an ax as well as a pick and shovel.

You'd love our air-raid alarm system. It consists of a dinner bell hanging from a date palm tree outside headquarters. When the radio watchers give the order the dinner bell is rung. Then the warning is carried to the far ends of the vast airdrome by soldiers shouting revolvers and rifles into the air. At night it sounds like a small battle. When the alarm goes the soldiers get excited and mad, too. When the Germans come over the anti-aircraft guns throw up a fantastic display of July torrent of red tracer bullets.

Aerial Combat Tactics Change

It is hard for a layman to understand the fine points of aerial combat as practiced at the moment in North Africa. It is hard even for the pilots themselves to keep up, for there are changes in tactics from week to week.

We will have some new idea and surprise Germans with it. Then they'll come across with a surprise maneuver, and we will have to

But to the soldiers on the ground that isn't enough, so they let loose with everything from Colt .45s up to Tommy guns.

It happens that my best flying friends in this war have been bomber men, but I wish somebody would sing a song, and a glorious one, for our fighter pilots. They are the forgotten men of our aerial war.

Not until I came up close to the African front did I realize what our fighter pilots have been through and what they are doing. Somehow or other you don't hear much about them, but they are the sponge that is absorbing the fury of the Luftwaffe over here. They are taking it and taking it and taking it. An everlasting credit should be theirs.

In England, the fighters of the RAF got the glory because of the great Battle of Britain in 1940. But in America our attention has been centered on the bombers. The spectacular success of the Flying Fortresses when they went into action made the public more bomber-conscious.

There is still rivalry between the fighters and the bombers, as there always has been. That in itself is probably a good thing. But of late it has sort of slipped out of the category of rivalry—it has developed into a feeling on the part of the fighter pilots that they are neglected and unappreciated and lacking a little more than their share on the nose. Their ratio of losses is higher than that of the bombers, and their ratio of credit is lower.

Bombers Need Fighters.

There have been exaggerations in the claims that the Fortresses can take care of themselves without fighter escort. Almost any bomber pilot will tell you that he is deeply grateful for the fighter cover he has in Africa, and that if he had to go without it he would feel like a very naked man on his way to work.

Our heavy bombers now are always escorted by Lockheed Lightnings (P-38s). It is their job to keep off German fighters and to absorb whatever deadliness the Nazis deal out.

It means longer trips than fighters ever made before. Sometimes they have to carry extra gas tanks, which they drop when the fight starts. They mix it with the enemy when they are already tired from long flying at high altitudes. And then if they get crippled they have to navigate alone all the way home.

The P-38 is a marvelous airplane, and every pilot who flies it loves it. But the very thing that makes the Lightning capable of these long trips—its size—unfits it for the type of combat it faces when it gets there.

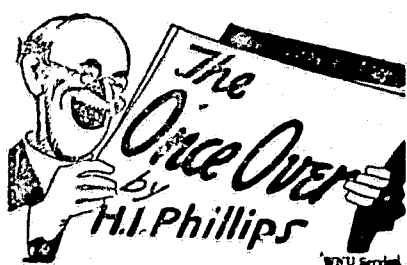
If two Lightnings and two Messerschmitt 109s get in a fight the American is almost bound to come out the little end of the horn, because the Lightnings are heavier and less maneuverable.

The ideal work of the P-38 is as an interceptor, ground straffer, or hit and run bomber. It would be a perfect weapon in the hands of the Germans to knock down our daylight bombers. Thank goodness they haven't got it.

Convoying bombers is monotonous work for the fighter pilot who lives on dash and vim. These boys sometimes have to sit cramped in their little seat for six hours. In a bomber you can move around, but not in a fighter.

The fighter has a big crew to do different things, but the bomber pilot is everything in one. He is his own navigator, his own radio operator, his own gunner. When you are in the plane tell all the things you have to do during a fight it is no easy job. That they ever have time to keep a danger eye out for German fighters is a miracle.

All our four fighters in North Africa have been shot down for many more reasons than we have lost. All our fighter losses are bad. I have been climbing with a team of three men to get to the pay zone. The last two of these five are gone.



THE TAX TREE

("In his speech Mr. Roosevelt, quoting from the poem 'Trees,' told of a town in Germany which had a great forest which for 200 years had been so profitable to the community that nobody had ever had to pay any taxes."—News item.)

I think that I shall never see
My taxes paid by any tree;
A tree that knows the net and gross,
And on the fifteenth comes across;
A tree that shields me in the storm
And understands that tax-blank form;Each branch a leafy helpmate gay—
And every leaf a CPA.But how I wish I had a tree:
That I could count on quarterly:
A tree that always could be found
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With Einsteins swinging from each bough,
And all cash worries dark and grim
All nestled in some upper limb!How swell indeed to have a tree—
No forest (one smart tree for me);
A tree that I could point to when
They sent around those tax-force men.And say "I'm busy! Get it, pest,
From underneath that robin's nest!"
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I wish that God would make that tree!Huh!
General Franco says Spain has never been a Fascist state, nor has he ever been a Fascist or Nazi sympathizer. How in the world did an idea to the contrary ever get around.

The racing season in many parts of the country will soon be over and we wonder about the millions of people who jam the tracks day after day. Where do they go? What becomes of them? Do they crawl under a pile of old mullet tickets and hibernate through the winter months?

It surely seems good to have an election over and get back to civilized habits and Christian behavior.

"Donald Nelson Ordered Back to China to Form WPB There"—headline.

How wonderful it must seem to Donald to think back on those comparatively easy days with Sears-Robuck!

New York hotels are considering limiting the stay of any guest to five days. That's silly. It takes that long to get into an elevator.

No Time to Rest
"For Sale—Bees and hives; also rattan furniture. 631 Main, East Haven."—New Haven Register.

No thanks; we'll fight 'em standing up.

Germany Speaks.
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It cannot be—
Someone is
Invading ME!Such an act
Is most unusual;
It's der edder
Way around it.Ach du lieber!
Don't use fools
Kiss it off
Against der rules?

Henry Ford is making planes, a Detroit Post says. Even if we had one we would keep looking for the nose in the engine.

So many Japs are joining their ancestors these days that no reservations are being taken except a year in advance.

We assume it is over the problem of current taxes. The new war tax more "belated" a week, perhaps, and "too old thing."

It is one of our ambitions to see Washington step in and try to cure a fish market, just as the old ship ment arrived.

An air line says it will soon make flights from New York to Miami in four hours. Think of that! It is a little less time than it takes the horses to get from the paddock to the post down George.

George Trevor says that in the Philippines you can't call it a case of too little and too little.

We understand Japan's minerals have abandoned canals. They don't want to see the money that any better than necessary.

Simple, Durable Toys
Please Child Most

Parents and relatives doing their Christmas shopping for the children should pick toys on a basis of what the toys do for the child, and not on the basis of color, design, or appearance, according to Mrs. Ruth D. Morley, extension specialist in child training at Massachusetts State college. "Toys are tools of play, that serious business of childhood," says the specialist.

"Buying toys economically means buying fewer toys, but selecting them more carefully," continues Mrs. Morley. "This means that toys should be well constructed and durable so that they will not be damaged in the hard usage of normal play. Children become attached to their toys, and enjoy using them for a long time."

In selecting toys, it is well to consider what the child already has. Often a new toy added to a child's assortment will make the old toys more useful and more interesting. For example, if a child who already



has a set of building blocks receives a toy boat, the blocks immediately become piers, boat-houses, bridges, etc.

On the other hand, new toys can give children wholly new ideas, the specialist points out. "Children should have toys that develop both bodies and minds. They need toys to use when playing alone as well as toys to use when playing with other children."

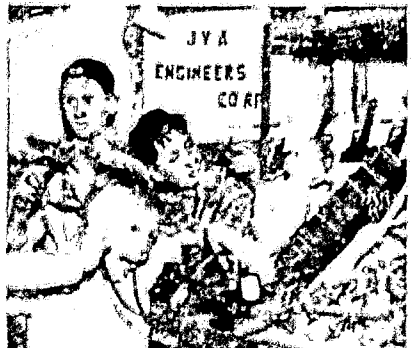
Stating that children get their first ideas of beauty from their toys and everyday surroundings, Mrs. Morley urges that these familiar materials be designed with the principles of art in mind. Although toys need not be works of art, neither do they have to be grotesque. They should be simply and tastefully colored, and be pleasing to the eye.

Toys should give children a chance to experiment, to try out their own ideas, and develop their own skills. Some mechanical or merely ornamental toys do not do this. An elaborate mechanical toy finally bores a child, or else encourages him to abuse it by pulling it apart.

Children Are Content to
Make Their Own Toys

Like to make toys? It is interesting to see how many different things can be made from a few scraps of wood. Because these objects are made to come apart, they may be assembled to represent different animals. By simply changing the head and tail around, as is done with the cow in the yard, the position of the animal is easily changed.

The bodies of the animals, pots, trees, and other objects are cut from a length of five-eighths inch square white pine, while the legs, neck,



tail and similar parts are made from shavings and these which come in easily all day. These are square one-eighth inch in diameter and are cut to the length required for the particular job in hand.

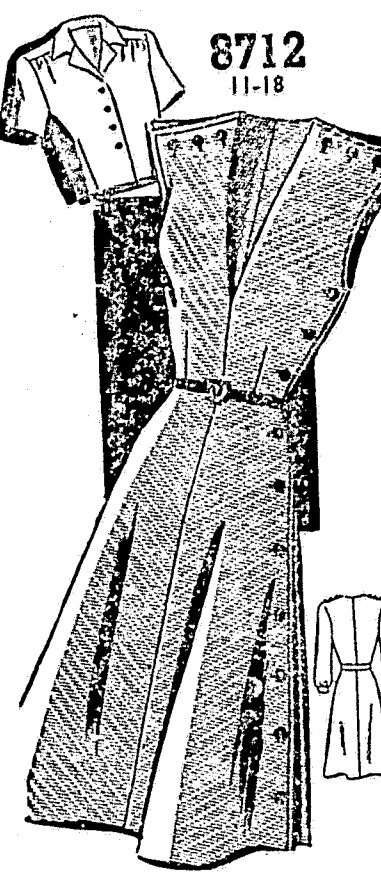
The fence posts are cut two inches long, and holes are drilled to take three sixteenths inch maple dowels. For a straight run of fence, the holes are drilled at right angles. The gate posts are drilled only half way through.

A hobby horse can be made with a brown stick, fastened to a wooden horse's head made from a box and painted. The diagram shows how this hobby horse may be made and the picture shows how it looks when completed.

A Desert Tree

Straightest of all Christmas trees is the carob. The carob tree has no leaves and no flowers, and it is the only tree for the month.

It is just a straight trunk, with or without one or more "kinks" or branches, all serrated and covered with various small teeth. There are a few fan-like leaves, some sections of silver and gold tinsel, and a lot of cotton, and the "carob tree of the desert" is a Christmas tree in all truth.

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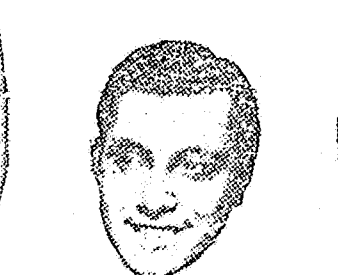
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